RASHEED MASOOD) : Eight Primary Health Centres have been set up serving 214 villages in and around Delhi.

Development of Growth Centres in the Backward Districts of Gujarat

1386. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that it was decided to develop three growth centres in the backward districts of Gujarat ; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which detailed guidelines have not yet been provided to the State in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The guidelines for preparation of Project Report for the growth centres are under finalisation.

Closure of Government Institutions on Saturday and Sunday to conserve Petroleum Products

1387. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to order the closure of all Government institutions, banks, factories, etc. on Saturday and Sunday with a view to conserving petroleum products;

(b) if so, by when Government propose to announce its decision in addition to what is being done to conserve petroleum products; and

(c) what would be the estimated reduction on import bill of petroleum products as a result of the above measures?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Resentment over the New Gas Utilization Policy

1388. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fertilizer industry has resented the move to give greater priority to the use of industrial gas for power under the new gas utilization policy;

(b) if so, what are the views expresed by the fertilizer industry;

(c) whether the allocation of gas for the said industry would be seriously affected; and

(d) whether any specific decision has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d) Gas Utilisation Policy, and allocations to be made to various sectors, are still under the consideration of the Government, and no final decision on *interse* allocation of gas to different sectors has been taken so far.

Waiting List of LPG Connections in the District Towns of Maharasthra

1389. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of persons on the waiting list for LPG connections in Bombay, Nagpur, Pune, Aurangabad, Nasik, Sholapur, Kolhapur and other municipal towns in Maharashtra; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to clear the waiting lists?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The information regarding Bombay, Nagpur, Pune, Aurangabad, Nasik, Sholapur and Kolhapur is given in the attached statement. (*See below*) Information regarding other municipal towns of Maharashtra is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(b) New LPG connections are released all over the country, in a phased manner, under the annual programme for enrolment of customers, subject to the availability of LPG.

Statement

Sl. No.	Town	Approx. no. of persons on the waiting lists as on 1.7.1990 (in lakh)
1.	Bombay	1.46
2.	Nagpur	0.57
3.	Pune	0.87
4.	Aurangabad	0.39
5.	Nasik	0.40
6.	Sholapur	0.38
7.	Kolhapur	0.33

Effects of Political Developments in the Middle East on India's oil Budget

1390. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the effects of the recent political developments in Middle East on our 'Oil Budget'; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to meet this situation?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The recent developments in Middle East have resulted in disruption in supplies of crude oil and products from Iraq, Kuwait and USSR, and have led to increase in crude oil and Petroleum Product prices in the international market. This is expected to result in considerable increase in the import bill for crude and petroleum products.

(b) Efforts are under way to procure crude oil and petroleum products from alternative sources make up for the shortfall, within the constraints of foreign exchange availability.

Issue of COB licences to firms for confectioning and slitting of photosensitized materials

1391. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleasd to state:

(a) what are the names of the firms to which specific Industrial/COB licence under the IDR Act has been issued for the activities of 'Confectioning/Slitting of Photosensitized materials from Jumbo Rolls' in terms of notification No. S.O. 328(E) dated the 18th July, 1986 and for which items;